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The items selected for this bibliography are designed to help teachers discover and evaluate the well-written children's books that are available. The listing includes general guides to the field of children's literature, the basic tools for finding available trade books, journals where books are reviewed, annual lists of recommended books, booklists both of general scope and on specific topics (minorities, history, the sciences, feminism), indexes to composite works, books about authors and illustrators, books about children's literature as a field of study, and books about working with children. The individual entries provide title, author, publication data, and current price information. (RL)

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We all know from our own experience that reading is most pleasant and enjoyable when we read a well-written book on a topic that interests us. What holds true for us, also holds true for children. An effective method of encouraging children to become avid readers is to expose them to good books that fit their particular and individual interests. The trick is to find the books. Fortunately, superb children's books on a variety of subjects are readily available. Moreover, there also exist numerous guides, reviewing media, lists of recommended books, bibliographies, and other works useful in discovering and evaluating what is available for children. In the following bibliographic guide, I have tried to provide a selection of these useful tools.

The items selected include general guides to the field of children's literature, the basic tools for finding what is obtainable from the regular book trade, journals where books are reviewed and recommended, annual lists of recommended books, booklists both of general scope and on specific topics, indexes to composite works, books about authors and illustrators, books about children's literature as a field of study, and works for those working with books for children. The scope of this bibliographic guide is the field of children's books available through the regular book trade. The important areas of materials available from the educational publishers, such as basal reading series, and from non-commercial sources, such as the many bibliographies contained in the ERIC document collection, fall outside the scope of this guide. Furthermore, the emphasis is on tools which are themselves current and readily available. I have included a current price when possible; where two prices are given, the second is for a paperback edition. These prices are, of course, subject to change, and books do go out of print quickly, but most of the items will be available in local libraries.

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A. General Guides

1. Ellis, Alec. How to find out about children's literature. 3d ed. New York: Pergamon, 1973. (13.25)

   The explanations of how to use various reference tools are especially helpful.

2. Haviland, Virginia. Children's literature; a guide to reference sources. Washington: Library of Congress, 1966.

   A comprehensive list of reference books on children's books (K-8); a supplement appeared in 1972.

3. Meacham, Mary. Information sources in children's literature; a practical reference guide for children's librarians, elementary school teachers, and students of children's literature. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1978. (18.95)

B. Basic Bibliographic Tools

4. Children's books in print. New York: Bowker. Annual. (29.95)

   Arrangements by author, title, illustrator.

5. Subject guide to children's books in print. New York: Bowker. Annual. (29.95)

6. Gillespie, John Thomas. Paperback books for young people: an annotated guide to publishers and distributors. 2d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1977. (9.00)

7. Mathews, Judy, and Drag, Lillian. Guide to children's magazines, newspapers, reference books. Washington: Association for Childhood Education International, 1974. (0.50)

C. Periodical Reviews

(a) Guide to selection media

8. Perkins, Flossie. Book and non-book media: annotated guide to selection aids for educational materials. Rev. ed. Urbana: NCTE, 1972. (5.95)

(b) Reviewing periodicals

   (i) General

9. Booklist. Chicago: American Library Association. Semimonthly (monthly in August). (28.00)

   Frequently has lists of children's books in foreign languages.

10. The bookmark: a selection of recent books. Albany: University of the State of New York Press. Monthly. (1.50)

    Children's books section appears in August issue.

11. School library journal. New York: Bowker. Monthly (Sept.-May). (13.00)

(ii) Scientific

12. Appraisal; children's science books. Cambridge: Children's Science Book Review Committee. 3 issues/yr. (6.00)

Criticisms by librarian and scientist for each title.

13. Science books and films; a quarterly review. American Association for the Advancement of Science. Quarterly. (16.00)

Covers elementary grades through junior college.

(c) Indexes to reviews

14. Children's book review index. Ed. Gary C. Tarbert. Detroit: Gale. Annual. (24.00)

Compilation of reviews of children's books (K-5) indexed in Book review index (which covers about 325 periodicals).

15. Children's literature review. Ed. Gerard J. Senick. Detroit: Gale. 3 vols. in print. (28.00ea.)

Excerpts from reviews; each volume covers about 50 authors; preschool through teenage.

D. Annual Lists of Recommended Books

16. Best books for children. New York: Bowker. Annual. (12.95)

17. Books for children; preschool through junior high school. Chicago: American Library Association. Annual. Last appeared in 1972. (5.00)

First volume cumulated 3,068 reviews appearing in Booklist 1960-1965; subsequent volumes covered previous year's reviews.

18. Books for the teen age. New York: New York Public Library. Annual. (2.50)

19. Bulletin. Washington: Association for Childhood Education International. Annual. (15.00)

20. Children's books: awards and prizes. New York: Children's Book Council. Biennial.

21. Children's books; a list of books for preschool through junior high school. Prepared by the Children's Book Section of the Library of Congress. Washington: U. S. Government Printing Office. Annual. (0.15)

22. Children's books of the year. New York: Child Study Association of America. Annual. (1.50)

23. Children's books: suggested as holiday gifts. New York: New York Public Library. Annual. (2.00)

E. Booklists of General Scope

24. Arbothnot, May Hill, and others. Children's books too good to miss. 6th ed. New York: University Press Book Shop, 1971. (3.95)

    Issued by Case Western Reserve University.

25. Baron, Bonnie D., ed. Bibliography of books for children. Rev. ed. Washington: Association for Childhood Education International, 1977. (3.75)

26. Benedict, Stewart H., comp. A teachers' guide to contemporary teenage fiction. New York: Dell, 1973. (1.00)

27. Cianciolo, Patricia J., ed. Adventuring with books; a booklist for pre-K--Grade 8. Urbana: NCTE, 1977. (3.95)

28. Cianciolo, Patricia J., ed. Picture books for children. Chicago: American Library Association, 1973. (6.50)

    Prepared by the Picture Book Subcommittee of NCTE; covers nursery school through junior high with age group indicated for each title.

29. Dreyer, Sharon S. The bookfinder. Circle Pines, MN: American Guidance Service, 1977. (25.00)

30. Eakin, Mary K. Good books for children; a selection of outstanding children's books published 1950-1965. 3d ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1966. (12.50)

    1400 annotated titles from reviews in the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books; emphasis on grades 4-9.

31. Greene, Ellin, and Schoenfeld, Madalynne, eds. A multimedia approach to children's literature; a selective list of films, filmstrips, and recordings based on children's books. 2d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1977. (6.00)

32. Hemsing, Ester D., ed. Good and inexpensive books for children. Rev. ed. Washington: Association for Childhood Education International, 1972. (2.00)

33. Kujoth, Jean S. Best-selling children's books. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow, 1973. (8.50)

34. Let's read together; books for family enjoyment. 3d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1969. (2.00)

35. NCTE. Committee on Senior High School Book List. Books for you; a booklist for senior high school students. Urbana: NCTE, 1976. (2.95)

About 2000 titles in 45 subject categories.

36. NCTE. Committee on the Junior High School Book List. Your reading; a booklist for junior high schools. Urbana: NCTE, 1975. (2.95)

About 1300 annotated titles.

37. Notable children's books, 1940-1970. Chicago: American Library Association, 1977. (1.50)

38. Owen, Betty M. A smorgasbord of books: titles junior high readers relish. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Scholastic Book Services, 1974. (1.95)

39. Paperback books for children. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Scholastic Book Services, 1972. (0.95)

40. Polette. Nancy, and Hamlin, Marjorie. Celebrating with books. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow, 1977. (7.00)

41. Scherf, Walter, ed. The best of the best. 2d ed. New York: Bowker, 1976. (14.50)

English edition of Die Best der Besten; about 1800 books from 110 countries; annotations are in the original languages; for ages 3-15.

42. Spache, George. Good reading for poor readers. Rev. ed. Champaigne, IL: Garrard, 1974. (5.95)

43. Spache, George. Good reading for the disadvantaged reader: multi-ethnic resources. Rev. ed. Champaigne, IL: Garrard, 1975. (5.75)

44. Spirt, Diane. Sequel to introducing books; a guide to the middle grades. New York: Bowker, 1978. (13.95)

45. Strang, Ruth May, Phelps, Ethlyne, and Withrow, Dorothy. Gateways to readable books: an annotated list of books in many fields for adolescents who find reading difficult. 5th ed. New York: Wilson, 1975. (12.00)

About 1000 titles arranged by subject.

46. Sutherland, Zena, ed. The best in children's books: the University of Chicago guide to children's literature. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1976. (6.50)

47. Translated children's books offered by publishers in the U. S. A. Locust Valley, NY: Storybooks International, 1963.

48. Walker, Elinor, comp. Book bait. 3d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1979. (forthcoming)

Carefully selected list of 100 titles interesting to teens, with suggestions for adults on ways to suggest and introduce the books to the teens.

There are numerous general booklists which are intended as core collections for school libraries: these lists are useful both for finding titles on various levels and for identifying titles which are very likely to be in school libraries. The lists published by the American Library Association have not been issued for some time, and are out-of-print; I mention them because they list many good books still in school libraries, and in hopes that revised editions may someday appear.

49. Elementary school library collection; a guide to books and other media, phases 1-2-3. 11th ed. Newark: Bro-Dart Foundation, 1977. (32.95)

Phase 1 includes a basic collection; phases 2 and 3 include about 10,000 books and 2000 av items; grade levels are indicated, and there is a subject index.

50. Children's catalog. 13th ed. New York: Wilson, 1977. (40.00)

Issued every 5 years with annual supplements; over 5000 titles arranged by Dewey classification with grade levels indicated.

51. Junior high school library catalog. 3d ed. New York: Wilson, 1975. (42.00)

Issued every 5 years with annual supplements; grades 7-9.

52. Senior high school library catalog. 11 th ed. New York: Wilson, 1977. (50.00)

Issued every 5 years with annual supplements.

53. Books for secondary school libraries. Prepared by the Library Committee of the National Association of Independent Schools. 5th ed. New York: Bowker, 1976. (15.95)

Aimed at college preparatory courses.

54. Building a children's literature collection. Middletown, CT: Choice, 1975.

Basic reference collection and basic collection of children's books; Choice is a book-reviewing journal of the American Library Association.

55. Basic book collection for elementary grades. 7th ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1960.

K-8; each item graded.

56. Basic book collection for junior high schools. 3d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1960.

57. Basic book collection for high schools. 7th ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1963.

58. Hodges, Elizabeth D. Books for elementary school libraries; an initial collection. Chicago: American Library Association, 1969.

    About 3000 annotated titles in classified order.

59. Eakin, Mary K., and Merritt, Eleanor. Subject index to books for primary grades. 3d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1967.

60. Eakin, Mary K. Subject index to books for intermediate grades. 3d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1963.

    About 1800 titles under about 4000 subject headings; each title graded.

F. Booklists on Specific Topics

(a) Minorities

61. Baxter, Katherine. The Black experience and the school curriculum; teaching materials for grades K-12: an annotated bibliography. Philadelphia, PA: Wellsprings Ecumenical Center, 1968.

62. Byler, Mary Gloyne. American Indian authors for young readers: a selected bibliography. New York: Association on American Indian Affairs, 1973.

63. Mills, Joyce White. The Black world in literature for children; a bibliography of print and non-print materials. 3d ed. Atlanta: Atlanta University, School of Library Service, 1978. (2.50)

64. Rollock, Barbara. The Black experience in children's books. New York: New York Public Library, 1974. (2.50)

    Continuation of series begun by Augusta Baker.

(b) Geographical

65. Hinman, Dorothy, and Zimmerman, Ruth. Reading for boys and girls: Illinois; a subject index and annotated bibliography. Chicago: American Library Association, 1970.

    To be superseded this year by the same author's Reading for young people: the Midwest, and Mildred Laughlin's Reading for young people: the Great Plains; both Chicago: American Library Association, 1979, (forthcoming).

66. Schmidt, Nancy J. Children's books on Africa and their authors: an annotated bibliography. New York: Africana, 1975. (17.50)

67. Schmidt, Nancy J. Children's literature and audio-visual materials in Africa. Buffalo: Conch Magazine, 1977. (15.00)

68. Egoff, Sheila A. The republic of childhood; a critical guide to Canadian children's literature in English. 2d ed. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1975. (13.50; 9.50)

69. McDonough, Irma. Canadian books for young people. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1977. (8.50)

70. Muir, M. A bibliography of Australian children's books. Vol. 2. Boulder, CO: Westview, 1976. (36.00)

71. Annotated lists of printed materials for children. New York: U. S. Committee for UNICEF. Irregular. Including lists for Africa, Near East, Latin America. (1.00ea.)

(c) International

72. Books from other countries for young people. Chicago: American Library Association, 1973. (1.50)

73. Book catalog of Children's Books International II. Boston: Boston Public Library, 1977. (7.50)

Exhibition catalog.

74. Haviland, Virginia. Children's books of international interest: a selection from four decades of American publishing. 2d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 1978. (4.00)

75. Haviland, Virginia, comp. The wide world of children's books; an exhibition catalog for International Book Year. An annotated catalog. Washington: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1972.

Items from 38 countries.

(d) Individual subjects

(i) History

76. Metzner, Seymour. World history in juvenile books: a geographical and chronological guide. New York: Wilson, 1973. (12.00)

77. Hotchkiss, Jeanette. European historical fiction for children and young people. 2d ed. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow, 1972. (8.50)

(ii) Science and mathematics

78. Deason, Hilary J. The AAAS science book list; a selected and annotated list of science and mathematics books for secondary school students, college undergraduates and nonspecialists. 3d ed. Washington: American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1970. (10.00)

About 1500 titles with level of difficulty indicated.

79. Deason, Hilary J. The AAAS science book list for children; a selected and annotated list of science and mathematics books for children in elementary schools and for children's collections in public libraries. 3d ed. Washington: American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1972. (8.95)

80. Matthias, Margaret, and Thiessen, Diane. Children's mathematics books; a critical bibliography. Chicago: American Library Association, 1979. (forthcoming)

(iii) Feminism

81. Adell, Judith, and Klein, Hilary D., eds. A guide to non-sexist children's books. Chicago: Academy Press, 1976. (7.95; 3.95)

82. Kulkin, Mary-Ellen. Her way: biographies of women for young people. Chicago: American Library Association, 1976. (25.00)

Guide to biographies of 800 women, and to 300 volumes of collections of biographies.

(iv) Other subjects

83. Baskin, Barbara Holland, and Harris, Karen H. Notes from a different drummer: a guide to juvenile fiction portraying the handicapped. New York: Bowker, 1977. (15.95)

84. Bernstein, Joanne E. Books to help children cope with loss and separation: a bibliotherapy approach. New York: Bowker, 1977. (13.95)

85. Clark, Catherine H., and Widutis, Florence, eds. Books for New Age children and youth. College Park, MD: Beautiful Day, 1977. (2.25)

86. Kelley, Marjorie E. In pursuit of values: a bibliography of children's books. Ramsey, NJ: Paulist Press, 1974. (1.25)

Religious emphasis; the Paulists are an order of Roman Catholic priests.

C. Indexex to Types of Literature

87. Brewton, John Edmund, Brewton, Sara, and Blackburn, G. Meredith. Index to poetry for children and young people, 1970-1975. New York: Wilson, 1978. (20.00)

Indexes about 11,000 poems in 117 recent collections.

88. Chicorel index to children's plays. New York: Chicorel Library Publishing Co., 1974. (66.00)

89. Silverman, Judith. Index to young readers' collective biographies. 2d ed. New York: Bowker, 1975. (15.95)

Guide to about 5800 biographies in 720 collections; arranged under about 300 subject headings.

90. Smith, Dorothy B. Frizzell, and Andrews, Eva L., comps. Subject index to poetry for children and young people, 1957-1975. Chicago: American Library Association, 1977. (30.00)

Guide to 263 anthologies graded by reading level.

91. Subject index to children's magazines. Madison, WI. Monthly (Except June and July); semiannual cumulations in February and August. (10.50)

Indexes about 50 magazines.

H. Books about Authors and Illustrators

92. Commire, Anne, ed. Something about the author. Detroit: Gale. 14 vols. in print. (30.00ea.)

Each volume covers about 200 authors and illustrators.

92. Commire, Anne, ed. Yesterday's authors of books for children. Detroit: Gale. 2 vols. in print. (25.00ea.)

Covers period through 1960; each volume covers about 45 authors in considerable depth.

93. DeMontreville, Doris, and Hill, Donna. Third book of junior authors. New York: Wilson, 1972. (12.00)

94. Hoffman, Miriam, and Samuels, Eva, comps. Authors and illustrators of children's books: writings on their lives and works. New York: Bowker, 1972. (16.50)

95. Sarkissian, Adele, ed. Children's authors and illustrators. 2d ed. Detroit: Gale, 1978. (24.00)

Indexes 190 sources of about 55,000 biographical sketches of about 15,000 authors and illustrators.

I. Books about Children's Literature

(a) Bibliography

96. Leif, Irving P. Children's literature: a historical and literary bibliography. Troy, NY: Whitson, 1977. (15.00)

97. Children's literature abstracts. Prepared by the Subsection on Library Work with Children of the International Federation of Library Associations. Birmingham, Eng.: 1973- . (6.50)

(b) General works

98. Anderson, William Davis, and Groff, Patrick. A new look at children's literature. Bibl. comp. by Ruth Robinson. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 1972. (13.95)

99. Bechtel, Louise Seaman. Books in search of children; speeches and essays. Selected by Virginia Haviland. New York: Macmillan, 1969. (6.95)

100. Georgiou, Constantine. Children and their literature. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1969. (14.95)

101. Lanes, Selma G. Down the rabbit hole; adventures & misadventures in the realm of children's literature. New York: Atheneum, 1976. (4.95)

Originally published in 1971.

102. Monson, Dianne, and Peltora, Betty J., eds. Research in children's literature. Newark, DE: International Reading Association, 1976. (3.00)

103. Smith, Elva A. The history of children's literature: a syllabus with selected bibliographies. 2d ed. rev. and enl. by Margaret Hodges and Susan Steinfirst. Chicago: American Library Association, 1979. (forthcoming)

(c) Specific issues

104. Broderick, Dorothy. Image of the Black in children's fiction. New York: Bowker, 1973. (14.95)

105. Human and anti-human values in children's books: a content rating instrument for educators and concerned parents. New York: Council on Interracial Books for Children, Racism and Sexism Resource Center for Educators, 1976.

106. Huus, Helen, ed. Evaluating books for children and young people. Newark, DE: International Reading Association, 1968. (3.50)

107. Issues in children's book selection; a School library journal/ Library journal anthology. New York: Bowker, 1973. (10.95)

Collection of 29 articles on such topics as selection, censorship, Black English, consumer education.

108. MacCann, Donnarae, and Woodard, Gloria, eds. The Black American in books for children: readings in racism. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow, 1972. (7.50)

109. MacCann, Donnarae, and Woodard, Gloria. Cultural conformity in in books for children: further readings in racism. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow, 1977. (8.00)

110. Reading, children's books, and our pluralistic society. Ed. Harold Tanyzer and Jean Karl. Newark, DE: International Reading Association, 1972. (3.50)

111. Rudman, Masha Kabakow. Children's literature: an issues approach. Lexington: Heath, 1976. (11.95; 8.95)

112. Society & children's literature: papers presented on research, social history, and children's literature at a symposium sponsored by the School of Library Science and the Committee on National Planning for Special Collections of the Children's Services Division of the American Library Association, May 14-15, 1976. Ed. James S. Frazer. Boston: Godine, 1978. (15.00)

J. Books about Working with Children

(a) Parents

113. Arbuthnot, May Hill. Children's reading in the home. Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman, 1969.

114. Hunt, Abby C. The world of books for children: a parents guide. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1979. (8.95; 3.95)

115. Larrick, Nancy. A parent's guide to children's reading. 3d ed. New York: Doubleday, 1969. (1.25)

Includes discussion of selecting and buying books.

(b) Librarians

116. Broderick, Dorothy M. An introduction to children's work in libraries. New York: Wilson, 1965. (6.00)

117. Harrod, Leonard Mantague. Library work with children, with special reference to developing countries. Boulder, CO: Westview, 1969. (8.75)

118. Sutherland, Zena, and Arbuthnot, May Hill. Children and books. 5th ed. Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman, 1977. (14.95)